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**TOWN OF
CHESTER**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31**

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OF THE
TOWN OF CHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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TOWN OFFICERS 1947

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Robert C. Hazelton

SELECTMEN

Philip H. Hazelton

John A. West

Austin C. Hunt

OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER

Florence Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

SCHOOL BOARD

Ella A. Allen

H. Wallace Fitts

Gladys MacDonald

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICERS

Edward E. Griffin, Chief

Maurice Colman, Special

James Towle, Special

Wayland Berry, Special and Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Howard Woodard

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Arthur West

Edward E. Griffin

Ernest Edwards

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Mildred F. Hunt

Dr. James S. Roberts

Walter P. Tenney

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ella A. Allen

Maurice Colman

Mabel Finnigan

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Harry Edwards

Walton Leighton

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Maurice Colman

Byron Mills

Charles A. Morse

William Wason

Austin C. Hunt

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

George Gillingham

Farish Lewis

Byron Mills

Ella A. Allen

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN AUDITORS

Alvah Healey

Herbert Ray

John True

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett

CUSTODIAN OF HALL

Howard B. Fitts

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers hertofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$575.73 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$2,302.90.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths and Pruning Trees.

14. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the eradication of Pine Blister Rust as required by the State Forestry Department in keeping with Section 9, Chapter 228 of the Public Laws.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury the sum of \$724.56 or such part thereof equal to

the interest returned to said Trustees by the Trustees of the Wilcomb Townsend Home in January 1948.

17. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to reconstruct the Wilson Brook Bridge and appropriate from the Post War Fund what balance may be left in such Fund if necessary.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$84.36 (1/100 of one per cent of the Town's valuation bases on the 1947 assessment) to the Merrimack Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town in co-operation with the other 37 communities in the Merrimack Valley Region.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for cutting bushes beside Town roads.

20. To see what the Town wishes to do in regard to carrying a Volunteer Fire Company Blanket Accident Insurance Policy and raise and appropriate a sum of money for same.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase Gas service for the Stevens Memorial Hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a tract of land for a Town dump, make rules and regulations governing same and raise and appropriate a sum of money for purchase and maintenance.

24. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before August 1, 1948 and take any vote relating thereto.

24A. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of ch. 34 of the Revised Laws relating to the manner of conducting elections, all nominations for town officers to be made by caucuses of the political parties so entitled as provided by Sec. 70 of Ch. 33 of the Revised Laws.

25. To see what the Town wishes to do in regard to a parking area in rear of Stevens Memorial hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money for same.

26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight,

Philip G. Hazelton

John A. West

Austin C. Hunt

Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

Philip G. Hazelton

John A. West

Austin C. Hunt

Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
 ed and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	700.00	880.73	700.00
Railroad Tax	5.00	6.69	1.50
Savings Bank Tax	75.00	90.53	75.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		81.56	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	100.00	261.00	150.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		132.01	100.00
Income from Trust Funds		408.58	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	700.00	1,386.60	1,000.00
Sale of Town Property		4.19	
Cash Surplus		2,979.74	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2		580.00	500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		15.00	15.00
Total Revenues from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	1,580.00	6,826.63	2,541.50
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes			32 216.19

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 Compared with Estimate
the Previous Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual		
	Appro- priations	Expendi- tures	Revenue
	Previous Year 1947	Previous Year 1947	Expendi- tures Year 1948
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,000.00	1,186.76	1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	481.38	525.00
Election and Registration Expenses	75.00	50.80	275.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	1,025.00	822.89	1,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	75.00	40.35	75.00
Fire Department	500.00	664.93	700.00
Moth Extermination— Blister Rust	650.00	590.00	600.00
Health:			
Health Department, including hospitals	35.00	78.10	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	19.10	20.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Wilson Brook Bridge	1,000.00		
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	2,500.00	2,527.43	2,500.00
Winter	2,000.00	1,611.23	2,500.00
Street Lighting	1,540.08	1,155.06	1,925.10
General Expenses of			
Highway Department	800.00	653.68	600.00
Town Road Aid	572.73	572.73	575.73
Libraries	225.00	225.00	225.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,400.00	2,379.76	1,100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,100.00	883.40	1,200.00

BUDGET (continued)

Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	75.00	75.00	85.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds, Including band concerts	60.00	85.70	90.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	125.00	84.70	125.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	500.00	14.50	25.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	73.09		84.36
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans		22.34	25.00
On Long Term Notes	70.00	52.50	52.50
Highways and Bridges:			
New Equipment	100.00		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,028.07	3,028.07	3,200.00
Payments to School Districts	14,801.52	15,781.05	16,000.00
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Total Expenditures	34,845.49	33,086.51	34,757.69

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1947

Valuation April 1st., 1947

Lands and Buildings	\$700,000.00
Growing Wood and Timber	24,935.00
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	\$724,935.00
Electric Plants	24,266.00
Horses, 38	5,175.00
Cows, 232	33,170.00
Other Neat Stock, 26	2,280.00
Sheep and Goats, 16	135.00
Hogs, 3	75.00
Fowls, 11,170	12,175.00
Portable Mills, 1	700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	31,975.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 16	1,725.00
Stock in Trade	20,735.00
Mills and Machinery, 3	3,500.00
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	\$135,911.00
Total Valuation	860,846.00
Less Soldiers' Exemption	18,920.00
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	\$841,926.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries	1,000.00
Town Officers Expenses	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	75.00
Town Hall	1,025.00
Police Department	75.00
Fire Department	500.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	650.00
Health Department	35.00

Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	572.73
Town Maintenance	4,500.00
Repair Wilson Brook Bridge	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1,540.08
General Expense of Highway Department	900.00
Libraries	225.00
Old Age Assistance	1,100.00
Town Poor	2,400.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Parks and Playgrounds	60.00
Cemeteries	125.00
Legal Expenses	500.00
Merrimack Valley Regional Assoc.	73.09
Interest	70.00
County Tax	3,028.07
School Tax	18,066.57

\$38,110.54

Net amount to be raised 34,540.04

Poll Taxes and Bank Stock 797.00

Total amount raised by Taxation \$33,743.44

Total rate on one hundred dollars 4.00

Financial Statement of the Town for the
year ending December 31, 1947

1947 Tax Levy (Uncollected)	\$4,893.04
1946 Unredeemed Taxes	297.07
1945 Unredeemed Taxes	95.70
Cash in hands of Treasurer	8,033.16
Post War Fund	364.29

\$13,683.26

LIABILITIES
GREAT HILL CEMETERY NOTES

William White	\$75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00
Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
George Marden	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George West	50.00
George H. Jack	60.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
French Heath	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah M. Sawyer	50.00
James DeLeskey	75.00
W. F. Warren	50.00

\$1,500.00

Liabilities

Notes due Trustees of Trust Funds	\$1,500.00
Due School District, including Dog Tax	4,053.42

5,553.42

PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries and Auto Permits	\$1,186.76
Town Officers Expenses	481.38
Election and Registration	50.80
Town Hall	822.89
Police Department	40.35
Fire Department and Forest Fires	664.93
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	590.00
Bounties	6.50
Health Department	78.10
Vital Statistics	19.10
Town Maintenance (Including withholding tax)	4,138.71
General expense of Highway	653.68
Bridges	20.76
Street Lighting	1,155.06
Libraries	225.00
Old Age Assistance	883.40
Town Poor	838.96
Special Case	1,540.80
Memorial Day	75.00
Parks and Playgrounds	
Including care of Town Clock	85.70
Cemeteries	84.70
Legal Expenses	14.50
Taxes bought by Town	318.43
Discounts	574.54
Interest	52.50
Town Road Aid	572.73
Wrong Tax	52.25
County Tax	3,028.07
Temporary Loans	5,000.00
School Money	15,781.05
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	\$39,036.65

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H. for the year
ending December 31, 1947

Receipts

Cash balance from 1946 account **\$5,148.59**

Tax Collector:

Property tax, 1944	87.80
Property tax, 1946	3,484.62
Property tax, 1947	28,697.80

32,270.22

Poll taxes, 1945	5.00
Poll taxes, 1946	136.00
Poll taxes, 1947	580.00

721.00

Interest, 1945	1.00
Interest, 1946	128.61
Interest, 1947	2.40

132.01

Town Clerk:

Auto taxes	1,386.60
Filing fees	5.00
Dog tax	251.90

1,643.50

Omitted and Added Bank Tax

15.00

Cash

1.00

First National Bank, Derry (90 Day Note) **4,977.66**

Rockingham County, County Treasurer **47.50**

Trustee of Trust Funds **408.58**

James W. Towle:

Plowing Snow:

Hardy Farm	20.00
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Wm. Healey	2.00	
Harry LeClair	2.00	
Earl Pingree	1.00	
Use of Grader:		
Bert Warren	4.50	
C. I. Drowne	8.25	
Oscar Lovering	8.25	
		46.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Savings Bank Tax	90.53	
Railroad Tax	6.69	
Interest & Dividend Tax	880.73	
Dept. of Probation	380.00	
Refund from Pine Blister		
Rust Control	.05	
Forest Fire	81.56	
		1,439.56
John West, Material from Highway Dept.	4.19	
Howard Fitts, Rent of Hall	135.00	
John West, Grange Rent	80.00	
		\$47,069.81
Paid Selectmen's Orders No. 98—325	39,036.65	
		\$8,033.16

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 97 Dog Licenses issued during the year.
The Clerk received \$285.85.

Dog tags cost \$8.00, Postage \$1.05 and Receipt books \$5.50. The Treasurer was paid \$251.90 and the Clerk retained \$19.40.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled \$1,386.60 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

R. C. Hazelton

Town Clerk

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail No. 1

Town Officers Salaries

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman, (Overseer Poor)	\$200.00
John A. West, Selectman	165.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	150.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer	75.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	329.76
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	50.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Auto Permits	187.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Treasurer Trust Funds	15.00
George W. Kimball, Auditors	15.00
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	\$1,186.76

Detail No. 2

Town Officers Expenses

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	25.00
John A. West, Selectman	25.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	25.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	20.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Treas. of Trust Funds	10.00
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	\$140.00

Detail No. 2B

Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
Ruth H. Avery, dues, Tax Collectors Assoc.	2.00

N. H. City and Town Clerks Assoc.	2.00
John W. A. Green, copying records	24.20
Austin C. Hunt, Supplies, Postage	10.58
Philip G. Hazelton, Telephone, Postage	7.89
Ruth N. Ray, Stamps	3.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Officers' Bonds	75.00
News-Enterprise Press, Printing	
Town Reports, etc.	159.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies	10.46
The First National Bank, Derry	
Deposit Box	2.40
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	31.50
George W. Kimball, Expense	1.35
Mildred F. Hunt, Copying records	10.00
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	\$341.38

Detail No. 3

Election and Registration

Edward E. Griffin, supervisor of checklist, police	13.60
Carroll E. Backmann, Supervisor of checklist	8.60
Arthur West, supervisor of checklist	8.60
Leon Simonds, Ballot Clerk	5.00
John Weeks, Ballot clerk	5.00
Byron Mills, Ballot clerk	5.00
George Pettigrew, Police	5.00
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	\$50.80

Detail No. 4

Stevens Memorial Hall

N. H. Gas and Electric Co., lighting service	65.57
Chester Telephone Co., telephone	28.15
Howard B. Fitts, janitor service	460.69

Edward E. Griffin, labor	1.20
Herbert Ray, 12 cords wood	180.00
William Wason, 3 cords slabs	21.00
Hunt's garage, labor	4.30
Austin C. Hunt, supplies	.98
Curtis Insurance Agency, insurance	25.00
Earle Hazelton, sawing and housing wood	36.00
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	\$822.89

Detail No. 5

Police Department

Edward E. Griffin, Chief of Police	34.10
Maurice Colman, Special officer	5.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Transporting and Feeding one Tramp	1.25
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	\$40.35

Detail No. 6

Fire Department—Forest Fire Account.

N. H. Gas and Electric Co., lighting service	13.60
Chester Telephone Co., telephone	21.20
Curtis Insurance Agency	75.40
Philip Hazelton, Insurance	20.00
Aubrey G. Robinson, Ins. on Firemen	30.00
Blanchard Association, Lights and Bat.	23.30
Eastern Fire Equip. Inc., Pyrene Foam Recharges	13.73
Wilson Wells, Gasoline	9.33
Mitch Clement, Gasoline	7.41
Hunt's Garage, Labor and Supplies	32.70
Victor Spollett, Supplies,	
Bal. Appropriations	255.16

Wilbur P. Hunt, Forest Fires	67.50
Victor Spollett, Forest Fires	95.60

\$664.93

Detail No. 7

Howard Woodard, Health Officer	35.00
Frederick Webber, Removing Dump	37.50
Leroy Woodard, Cutting Bushes	5.60
Wilfred Boisclair, Recording	
Death Certificates	.10
Robert C. Hazelton, Vital Statistics	19.00

\$97.20

Detail No. 8

Old Age Assistance, Town's Share	883.40
Town Poor	838.96
Special Case	1,540.80

\$3,263.16

Detail No. 9

Earle Hazelton, Mowing	43.00
Howard B. Fitts, Mowing	29.70
Earle Hazelton, Care of Town Clock	13.00

\$85.70

Detail No. 10

Street Lights	1,155.06
Libraries	225.00
Cemeteries	84.70
Interest on Cemetery Notes	52.50
Memorial Day	75.00
Bounties	6.50
Legal Expenses	14.50

Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	590.00
Town Maintenance (including withholding tax)	4,138.71
General Expense of Highway	653.68
Town Road Aid	572.73
Bridges	20.76
Taxes bought by Town	318.43
Discounts	574.54
Wrong Tax	52.25
County Tax	3,028.07
Temporary Loans	5,000.00
School Money	15,781.05
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	\$32,343.48

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

Town Roads

Campbell, John, labor	\$16.80
Davis, Albert, labor	27.00
Davis, Donald, labor	24.60
Davis, Ronald, labor	15.60
Edwards, Harry, labor	26.25
English, Merton, labor	11.40
Healey, Kenneth, labor	7.70
Healey, Robert, labor	12.60
Healey, Forest, labor	7.50
Lessard, Paul, labor	30.80
Towle, Philip, labor	34.50
Towle, James Jr., labor	26.10
Towle, James, labor	591.00
Wason, Harold, labor	2.00
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	\$833.85

Clement, Felix, Gasoline, Oil, Battery	115.19
Chester General Store, gasoline, spikes	12.35
Emery, Clinton, gravel	36.30
Estes, Harry, gasoline	8.50
Follansbee, Ralph, truck	65.00
Huckins, Everett, truck	65.00
Judy's Filling Station, gasoline	.84
Lane, Walter, lumber, slabs, mill work	9.40
Lewis, Lester B., truck	978.00
N. H. Highway Department, sand	4.80
Pivorar, Frank, truck	77.50
Ray, Herbert, truck	17.60
Rand, Loran P., blasting and material	83.58
Town of Auburn, cleaning pit	7.86
Towle, James, truck	163.50
Towle, Chester, truck	6.00
Wason, Harold, carpentering, material	7.00
Wells, Wilson, gasoline, oil	29.44
Webber, Henry, truck	55.80
Webber, Frederick, bulldozer	214.11
Webber, R. E., shovel	528.32
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	\$2,486.09

Report of James W. Towle, Road Agent

Summer Maintenance

Bridges and railings	\$74.76
Brush	92.66
Culverts	184.14
Cleaning up dump	79.11
Grading	246.40
Gravel, 1626 yds. used	1,148.16
Gasoline and oil	96.19
Parts	22.95
Picking rocks	21.78

Snow Fences	33.19
Widening Roads	524.78
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	\$2,524.12

SNOW

Feb. 1, James W. Towle	\$424.07
Mar. 1, James W. Towle	270.63
Apr. 5, Ralph Follansbee	40.00
Apr. 5, Towle and Eustis	46.75
Apr. 5, James W. Towle	202.77
Dec. 6, James W. Towle	22.40
Dec. 31, James W. Towle	144.66
Dec. 31, Lester J. Lewis	460.00
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	\$1,611.28

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chester, N. H. Jan. 24, 1948

This is to certify that we have examined the books and vouches of the Selectmen of Chester and find same properly cast and properly vouched.

Herbert W. Ray

John H. True

Auditors

WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Revenue

Rec'd from Trustee of Trust Funds	\$737.62
Rec'd from Mrs. Dr. Barker, rent of Townsend Place	110.00
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	\$847.62

Disbursements

Paid Derry Ins. Agency for	
Treasurer's Bond	\$5.00
Paid Mrs. Baldwin a board bill	106.25
Paid F. G. Lewis, Treasurer's Salary	50.00
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	\$161.25
Revenue	\$847.62
Disbursements	161.25
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	686.37
Per Bank Statement	\$686.37

Farish G. Lewis
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Savings Account

Jan. 1, 1947	
Cash on hand	\$62.58
Interest to date	.94
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Jan. 1, 1948 Cash on hand	63.52

Checking Account

Jan. 1, 1947	
Cash on hand	\$308.02
Total receipts	457.40
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	765.42
Total expenses	\$329.92
Jan. 1, 1948	
Cash on hand	\$435.50

Perpetual Care Account

Jan. 1, 1947

Cash on hand (int. from 1946)	\$12.32
Rec. from sale of lots	352.80

365.12

Interest to date	1.42
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366.54

Dec. 31, 1947

Paid treas. of trust funds	352.80
Accumulated interest to bal.	13.74

366.54

Jan. 1, 1948

Cash on hand (acc. int. 1947)	\$13.74
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Maurice G. Colman
Treasurer

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

During the year 1947, 27 calls were answered

Building Fires	5	
Chimney Fires	12	
Oil Stove Fires	3	
Grass and Brush Fires	2	
Automobile Fires	1	
Out of Town Calls	4	
Received from Town of Sandown		25.00

We have purchased a heavy duty Federal siren for fire alarm system.

The siren will be installed as soon as possible on the Stevens Memorial hall.

We feel it will speed up the answer to calls and give better fire protection to the property in town.

Victor B. Spollett
Chief

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water-levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and

tools are insufficient properly to equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

MERTON A. WEBBER,
District Chief

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 1947	\$153.08
Received from Town	225.00
Received from J. C. Chase Fund	10.00
Received from Geo. Stevens Fund	8.59
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	\$396.67

Expenditures

Blanche C. Jones, Librarian	\$110.00
Goodman's Book Store	90.34
Magazines	12.25
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	\$212.59

Cash to balance	184.08
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	\$396.67

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added to the library in 1947	80
Purchased with town money	50
Books given	30
Old books and magazines sold for paper	200
Books taken out during 1947	3175
The largest number in any one day, Jan. 4	77
The smallest number in any one day July 30,	6
The number of fiction read in 1947	3175
The number of non-fiction read in 1947	382
Number of new cards issued	15

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Money received in fines	23.33
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Expended for assistant, books, magazines and supplies	21.00
Cash on hand	2.33

23.33

Books and magazines have been given to the library by Miss Hooper, Rev. C. A. Wilcomb, Lewis Gordon, Mrs. Karl Anderson, Miss Sadie Hills, Mrs. Maud Rand Estes. Mr. French has given a biography of Chester French, and the Fortnightly club, gave the Collector's Manuel.

The library subscribed to the American, Country Gentleman, Nature, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion and Geographic. Mrs. G. H. Learnard gives the Saturday Evening Post, Life and Cosmopolitan.

The number of Catalogued books are

7245

All gifts are gratefully acknowledged.

Blanche C. Jones

Librarian

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1947

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
May 3, 1904	Johr W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	.03	6.03	5.50	.56
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	2		.90	.90	
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3½	1.72	2.62	2.25	2.09
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.25	2.01	2.26	
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3½	.15	1.57	1.72	
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	.50	1.25
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	2	.16	6.82	6.82	.16
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3½	.17	2.63	2.80	
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note	60.00	3½		2.10	2.10	
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note	40.00	3½		1.40	1.40	
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	.50	1.53
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.42	2.01	2.00	.43
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½	.40	1.75	1.50	.65
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2		1.00	1.00	
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.27	2.01	2.00	.28
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	

Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens	oy will	Town Note	60.00	3½	1.05	2.10	1.90	1.25
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page	by Mary A. Byard	Town Note	70.00	3½	1.40	1.40	1.40	
Sept. 29, 1917	Edith Stevens	by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	.75	1.25
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane	by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3½		2.45	2.00	.45
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall	by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.75	.50
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse	by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2		1.00	1.00	
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse	by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.75	.50
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden	by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.45	1.75	1.50	.70
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon	by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.20	1.75	1.55	.40
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy	by Abbie Hardy	Town Note	50.00	3½	.90	1.75	1.60	1.05
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey	by same by Kate V. Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	2.02	.01
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West	by Gertrude J. West	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson	by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	2	4.90	5.11	7.00	3.01
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule	by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	2.03	2.05	2.50	1.58
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack	by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3½	.50	2.10	2.00	.60
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton	by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3½	.75	2.63	2.25	1.13
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook	by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	2.02	.01
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt	by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse	by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.40	1.75	2.15	
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True	by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath	by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.55	.20
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill	by same	Town Note	25.00	3½	.86	.88	1.05	.19

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	1.75	.28
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	.04	4.02	4.04	.02
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2	2.77	4.06	5.50	1.33
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	U. S. Savings Bond	1,000.00	2	4.32	25.20	28.52	1.00
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	2.18	2.50	3.50	1.18
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½	19.60	5.09	7.45	17.24
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.15	1.27	1.42	
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	.26	2.50	2.35	.41
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	1.56	2.50	3.50	.56
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.13	1.27	1.40	
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Manchester Savings Bank	80.00	2½	3.10	2.01	3.75	1.36
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Manchester Savings Bank	40.00	2½	.05	1.02	1.07	
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.40	1.27	1.50	.17
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.35	1.27	1.62	
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	1.37	2.50	3.25	.62

Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	4.02	3.75
Oct. 3, 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	2.81	2.51
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Larnard by Martha L. Larnard	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	2.30	2.50
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.12	1.39
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.75	1.40
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	1.95	2.50
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.45	1.72
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	.50	2.50
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.15	1.75
Oct. 13, 1931	James Deleskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3½	2.71	2.62
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	2	1.66	3.74
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	1.99	4.05
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.32	2.01
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	2½	.01	1.50
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2½	.67	1.89
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	2	26.24	5.02
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS						
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.94	2.01
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	.17	3.01
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.99	2.01
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	1.63	4.04
Nov. 5, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.50	2.01
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75

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Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.27	2.01	1.25	1.03
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.78	2.01	2.25	.54
May 8, 15, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.27	2.01	2.05	.23
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.33	2.03	2.00	1.36
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.22	2.01	1.50	.73
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	150.00	2	.59	3.02	3.25	.36
Jan. 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.21	2.01	1.75	.47
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	40.00	2	.80	.80	.40	.40
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.77	2.01	1.00	1.78
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS									
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	.29	2.01	2.00	.30
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	200.00	2	4.02	4.02	4.02	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	100.00	2	2.01	2.01	2.01	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	200.00	2	1.12	4.04	3.75	1.41
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag	Savings Bank	150.00	2	.27	3.01	3.00	.28

Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	2.02	.01
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little-----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.24	2.03	2.00	1.27
June 6, 1941	Eva Underhill -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2		1.50	1.20	.30
Nov. 8, 1941	Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	2	.06	2.41	2.46	.01
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.31	2.01	1.85	.47
Nov. 28, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	2.01	.02
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	2.02	
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.48	2.01	1.50	.99
May 5, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.25	2.01	1.75	.51
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.02	2.01	1.00	1.03
July 27, 1942	Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.37	2.01	1.75	.63
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	.79	4.02	4.50	.31
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	8.20	6.19	4.20	10.14
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will -----	U. S. Bonds -----	5,000.00	2½	504.90	136.19	89.90	551.19
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	.25	1.00	1.25	
July 16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	2.09	2.05	2.75	1.39
Dec. 7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	3.01	3.07	2.50	3.58
Dec. 7, 1947	George S. Webster by daughters-----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2				
Dec. 24, 1946	Great Hill Cemetery Fund-----	First Nat. Bank, Derry-----	1,085.80			6.42		1,092.22
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	339.80	2½		8.54	8.54	
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase -----	Manchester Savings Bank	500.00	2½		10.05	10.05	
Dec. 30, 1944	Post War Appropriation Fund -----	Manchester Savings Bank	355.36			8.93		364.29

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1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bond -----	3,466.98 919.04 1,000.00
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank	4,620.67 4,286.62 4,389.22
	Wilcomb Townsend Home Fund-----	Manchester Savings Bank First Nat'l Bank, Derry Mechanics Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bond----- Income on these Funds for 1947 Unexpended income received for 1946 Rent received for Townsend House	2,425.06 5,223.69 10,312.59 304.58 4,300.00 843.77 576.37 110.00

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1947 and find them correct and properly vouched.

Chester, N. H. Jan. 24, 1948

John H. True, Herbert W. Ray, Auditors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John R. West

CLERK

Mildred C. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

Ella Allen

Wallace Fitts

Gladys MacDonald

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Lillian S. Mackintosh

Residence, Chester, N. H., Tel. Chester 12-2

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR

Paul Nutting

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School	Name	P. O. Address
Village Primary	Brown, Eliza	Chester, N. H.
Village Intermediate	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Village Grammar	Sargent, Dorothy	Fremont, N. H.
Towle	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.
Helping Teacher	McCulley, Doris	Chester, N. H.

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall in said district on the 9th day of March, 1948 at 7:45 in the evening to act upon the following:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.
7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate for school purposes the sum of money as set forth in the budget, including the salaries of school officials, payment of district debt and other expenses, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to issue serial notes or bonds of the School District in an amount not exceeding \$6,000 for the construction of the new building, said notes or bonds to be prepared, issued and sold in accordance with the terms of the Municipal Bond Statute.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000, or any part thereof, to provided for additional construction costs of the new building.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 23rd day of February, 1948.

Ella Allen
Wallace Fitts
Gladys MacDonald
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest

Ella Allen
Wallace Fitts
Gladys MacDonald
School Board

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1947 to June 1948

1947

First Period:

Opens Monday, Sept. 8, 1947 Closes Friday, Dec. 19

1948

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Jan. 5, 1948 Closes Friday, Feb. 20

Third Period:

Opens Monday, March 1 Closes Friday, April 16

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, April 26 Closes at the end of 180
teaching days.

Holidays

Oct. 13, 1947

Nov. 11, 1947

Nov. 27 & 28, 1947.

May 31, 1948

September 1948 to June 1949

1948

First Period:

Opens Wed., Sept. 8, 1948

Closes Friday, Dec. 17

1949

Second Period:

Opens Tues., Dec. 28, 1948

Closes Fri., Feb. 18, 1949

Third Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 28

Closes Friday, April 22

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, May 2

Closes at the end of 180
teaching days

Holidays

Nov. 11, 1948

Nov. 25 & 26, 1948

May 30, 1949

BUDGET

Item	Appro. for 1947-48	Proposed for 1948-49
Payments		
Support of Schools		
Teachers salaries	\$7,900.00	\$9,300.00
Text books	475.00	400.00
Scholars supplies	250.00	350.00
Flags	5.00	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	175.00	125.00
Janitor service	570.00	540.00
Fuel	600.00	600.00

Light & janitor supplies	150.00	150.00
Repairs & replacements	950.00	1,000.00
Medical inspection	240.00	250.00
Transportation	2,200.00	2,500.00
Tuition-High School	6,200.00	6,500.00
Insurance	142.50	142.50
Other Statutory Obligations:		
Salaries of district officers	216.00	276.00
Superintendent's salary	300.00	325.00
Truant officer & census	25.00	25.00
Expenses of administration	225.00	200.00
Per capita tax	288.00	328.00
Teachers retirement	160.00	160.00
Employees retirement	75.00	75.00
Land	1,000.00	
Architect	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal expense	1,000.00	
Debt & interest		3,675.00
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	\$24,146.50	\$27,926.50
Income		
Cash on hand July 1		3,700.00
State aid	9,012.98	9,200.00
Dog tax	200.00	200.00
Trust funds	132.00	132.00
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Total estimated income	\$9,344.98	\$13,232.00
Total estimated payments	24,146.50	27,926.50
Total estimated income	9,344.98	13,232.00
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Tax levy	\$14,801.52	\$14,694.50

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

Income	
Cash on hand July 1, 1946	\$302.93
Tax levy	13,444.04
State aid	2,684.14
Dog tax	337.01
Trust funds	128.39
Sale of property	.50
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	\$16,897.01
Payments	
Support of schools:	
Teachers salaries	\$5,433.55
Text books	165.54
Scholar's supplies	283.25
Other expenses of instruction	6.70
Janitors' salaries	411.00
Fuel	225.00
Water, light & janitor supplies	54.13
Repairs and replacements	533.51
Health supervision	171.00
Transportation	1,962.14
Tuition-High School	4,963.65
Other Statutory Obligations:	
Salaries of district officers	192.00
Superintendent's salary	224.39
Expenses of administration	109.36
Per capita tax	286.00
Retirement	109.28
Insurance	17.90
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Total payments	\$15,148.40
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Cash on hand June 30, 1947	\$1,748.61

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Paul S. Nutting

July 14, 1947

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$302.93
Received from selectmen, appro.	13,444.04
Received from selectmen,	
dog tax	337.01
Received from trust funds	128.39
Received from State Treasurer	2,684.14
Other receipts	20.18
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Total Amount Available	\$16,916.69
Less School Board Orders Paid	15,168.08
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1947	\$1,748.61

Carrie A. Richardson

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting

Auditor

July 14, 1947

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Everton H. Parkinson
Superintendent of Schools
Derry, N. H.

I submit the following report for the schools of
Chester from Sept. 1946 to June 1947:

		Corrected or under treatment
Number of pupils examined	93	
Number of pupils with defective vision	5	3
Number of pupils with defective hearing	3	3
Number of pupils with defective teeth	24	18
Number of pupils attending clinic	18	
Number of dental operations	36	
Number of pupils tested for hearing	72	
Number of pupils retested	3	
Number of chicken pox cases	4	
Number of home calls	58	
Number of school calls	106	

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian S. Mackintosh
School Nurse

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

Statistical Reports
Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 30, 1948 was 119, as compared to 119 for the same date last year and 108 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 30, 1948 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	6	14	8						28
Intermediate				12	14	14			40
Grammar							11	14	25
Towle	0	3	3	3	4	2			15
Totals	6	17	11	15	18	16	11	14	108

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 30, 1948 was:

School	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Pinkerton Academy	11	6	4	3	24
Raymond High	2	6	4	2	14
Totals	13	12	8	5	38

Statistics for the School Year Ending June 30, 1947

Total registration	125
Half days schools were in session	340
Average membership	108.610
Average attendance	102.280
Per cent of attendance	94.171
Pupils transported at district expense	32
Number of pupils promoted	108
Number of pupils not promoted	2
Per cent not promoted	1.8

CENSUS RETURNS

September 30, 1947

Number of resident children 5 to 16		
in local schools	114	
Number 5 to 16 in Pinkerton Academy	12	
Number 5 to 16 in high schools outside		
the district	6	
Number 5 to 16 in elementary schools		
outside the district	0	
Total number 5 to 16 in some school		132
Number 5 to 8 not in school	6	
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0	
Number 14 to 16 not in school	1	
Total number of children 5 to 16		
not in some school	7	
Total number of resident children		
Sept. 30, 1947		139
Total number of resident children		
Sept. 30, 1946		136

On Thursday evening, June 26, 1947 graduation exercises were held in the Stevens Memorial Hall for fourteen pupils who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies. Appropriate exercises preceded the awarding of certificates to the following:

Earl Carroll	Betty Healey	Ann Ruonala
Linda Comstock	Richard Monish	Jeanette Smith
Nancy Berry	John Porter	Sylvia West
Reina Drewitt	David Rand	Janet Wetherbee
Claire Hanson	Arlene Roberts	

Attendance Honor Roll

The following children were neither absent nor tardy during the school year Sept. 1946 to June 1947:

Primary Room

Grade 1

Elizabeth Coleman

Clarence Ware

Grade 3

William Hardy

Victor Hunt

Intermediate Room

Grade 4

Wilma Gates

Grammar Room

Grade 8

Arlene Roberts

Jeanette Smith

Enrollment

The enrollment figures for the past four years are in accord with anticipated trends. The statistical information available indicates that the trend is for constantly increased enrollments until 1956. The enrollment figures for the past four years indicate that the district will follow the national trend if not exceed it. The net gain is approximately 14% and the gross gain approximately 24%.

	Total enrollment	Jan. 30 enrollment
1948	119	108
1947	119	108
1946	108	98
1945	95	95

The housing problem may become acute if the indicated trend continues and the price structure prevents the construction of a new plant. The statistical data for the past four years indicates that all grades but two have gained since the classes first enrolled.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1948	6	17	11	15	18	18	11	14
		15	10	14	13	16	12	14
			12	13	11	13	10	10
				12	13	14	13	11
Gain or loss		2	1	3	5	4	2	3

This table is arranged so that the enrollment of the present is compared with the same group for each of the preceeding years. All grades (1948) except 3 and 7 now have more pupils than were enrolled when they started school. If, besides the anticipated increase in the number of entering pupils, the above trend continues our housing problem will become more acute.

Instruction

The district has been exceedingly fortunate to have retained the services of 3 of the 4 teachers of last year. Mrs. Dorothy Sargent returned as teacher of the grammar grades. This meant that all of the teaching positions were filled with competent teachers. I can not stress the fact too strongly that the district has been exceedingly fortunate to have the services of such a competent staff in this period of teacher shortage. The educational progress of the children of the district has been continuing at a normal and satisfactory pace. In addition to the regular teaching staff the enrollment, of the intermediate room was such, both because of its size and nature, that it was deemed advisable to provide a helping teacher. The availability of Mrs. Doris McCully made it possible to provide for a helping teacher of worth. With these teachers instructing the children of the district, parents can rest assured that the best interests of their children will be served.

Supplementary reading materials for the primary grades was provided. This makes it possible for children to bolster reading strengths and to overcome reading weaknesses. A beginning was made in these purchases towards the building of a school library that will develop an attitude on the part of children that reading is an enjoyable experience. Science books were supplied to some of the grades. The development of a science program is more and more a necessity. Our

civilization is so dependent on scientific development that some understanding of science is a prime requisite today. The language program needs to be revised and the completion of the science program and the language program are the next steps in the curriculum adjustment to the demands of modern living. The expansion of the elementary curriculum presents problems. How may teachers with several grades continue to teach thoroughly and at the same time introduce a greater range of subject matter? Increased efficiency of method with individual attention to weaknesses may be the answer. The integration of subject matter so that the school day is operated in blocks of related subjects rather in separate compartments for each subject may be the correct approach. The revision of the curriculum will bring with it some attempts at the solution of this problem.

Physical Plant

A more extensive program of repairs was undertaken during the summer. This was deemed necessary because the schools had been neglected in the hope that the building program would have resulted in a new plant. Unavoidable delays had not permitted the plans to materialize and so to have decently clean and attractive rooms redecoration and cleaning were done. It is hoped that this will not be necessary again in our present plant.

Budget

The overall budget shows an increase of \$3,780.50. Debt and interest and expenses incidental to the development of the building program are \$1,675 in excess of similar expenditures for last year. Teachers salaries are increased \$1,400. This is affected by the necessity of employing a helping teacher to alleviate the load of ex-

cessive enrollments in the intermediate grade. The rest of the increase is due to an attempt to provide adequately for an increase in the general salary level. High school tuition and transportation account for almost all of the balance.

The estimated income, due in part to a large balance and in part to increased state aid income is increased \$3,888 so that the tax levy is reduced slightly. This is not a condition that can be expected to continue. The appropriation for legal expense was not used and no payment as yet has been made to an architect. These two items account for \$2,000 of the cash balance which naturally will not be available another year. For this reason the cash balance exceeds normal expectations by a considerable sum. It also enables the board to present a budget which is not in accord with the general trend. Generally speaking budgets show increases throughout the state.

The good judgment of the board in disposing of the bond issue in 1947 has been substantiated by recent developments in the investment field. Bonds of similar term now carry an interest rate in excess of 2% which represents a real saving to the district for the bonds of the district were disposed of for less than 2%.

Conclusion

The progress of the children educationally has been good. That this is true is due to the continued cooperation of all. Pupils, parents and teachers have worked and are working to achieve the finest possible result. The school board has devoted considerable time to the many details of successful school operation. They have given wise counsel and exercised good judgment in their deliberations. It has been pleasant trying to provide for the educational needs of Chester

youngsters in such a cooperative group and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity of having a part in the educational program in such a situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Registered in the

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1947

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father			Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male or Female	No. of Child.	Color			
1947								
Jan. 9	Manchester	Neil M. McCully	m	1	1w	Doris M. Fowler	Everett, Mass.	No. Pembroke, N. H.
Jan. 10	Manchester	David W. Reid	m	1	1w	Lucy E. Tait	Dorchester, Mass. . . .	Springfield, Mass. . .
Feb. 17	Manchester	Judith A. Edwards . .	f	1	1w	Lucille R. Purinton .	Chester, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
Mar. 1	E. Derry . .	Edward A. Towle . . .	m	1	6w	Eleanor Watt	Chester, N. H.	E. Dedham, Mass. . .
Mar. 3	E. Derry . .	John A. Laundry . . .	m	1	1w	Margaret L. Hills . .	Gerrish, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Apr. 2	Manchester	Nancy A. Morse . . .	f	1	3w	Evelyn R. Wetherbee .	Chester, N. H.	West Medford, Mass.
Apr. 13	Manchester	Sheila I. Philbrook .	f	1	1w	Lucille I. St. Amand .	Beverly, Mass.	Chelmsford, Mass. . .
May 21	Manchester	Geoffrey R. Blandford	m	1	1w	Helen G. Crawford . .	Cleveland, Ohio . . .	Cambridge, Mass. . .
July 5	Exeter	Richard W. Hanson . .	m	1	4w	Albertha E. Williams	Roxbury, Mass.	Lynn, Mass.
July 28	E. Derry . . .	Robert E. Dolloff . . .	m	1	4w	Clara I. Hicks	Melrose, Mass.	Medford, Mass.
Aug. 11	E. Derry . . .	Nora L. Currier	f	1	3w	Estella M. Hamilton	Danville, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Aug. 28	E. Derry . . .	Lyford B. Collins	m	1	1w	Dorothy M. Woodard	Whitefield, N. H. . .	Chester, N. H.
Sept. 1	E. Derry . . .	Lance B. Lewey	m	1	1w	Barbara A. Berry . .	Lynn, Mass.	Chester, N. H.
Sept. 11	E. Derry . . .	Cynthia A. Nicoll . . .	f	1	3w	Gladys E. Tewksbury	Andover, Mass.	Derry, N. H.
Sept. 30	E. Derry . . .	Sandra L. Greuling . .	f	1	2w	Elizabeth M. Suahn	Greenfield, Mass. . . .	Chettenden, Vt.
Oct. 7	Manchester	Diana L. Wolak	f	1	1w	Geneva B. Cross . . .	Lawrence, Mass. . . .	Nova Scotia
Nov. 17	E. Derry . . .	Charlene Leighton . .	f	1	5w	Annie Spencer	Chester, N. H.	Groveland, Mass. . . .

Marriages Continued.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each		Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.
				Age	Color					
1947 Sept. 14	Chester	John L. Willey	Chester	24	w	Lumbering	New Durham	Leslie Willey	1	W. Raymond Pierce
		Olive E. Huckins	Sandown	17	w	Clerk	Sandown	Viola Messinger	1	Sandown
Oct. 17	Chester	Herbert S. Schnare	Chester	40	w	Vocational ad.	Boston, Mass.	Everett P. Hinkins	1	Clergyman
		Elsie M. Moore	Manchester	30	w	Clerk	Goffstown	Evelyn B. Brown	2	Milton W. Pullen
Nov. 21	Chester	George E. Makepeace	Haverhill, Mass.	28	w	Shoe worker	Nashua	James H. Schnare	1	Chester
		Hazel L. Wells	Chester	17	w	At home	Manchester	Lucy A. Stewart	1	Clergyman
								Arthur F. Moore	1	Clergyman
								Carrie A. Brown	2	Milton W. Pullen
								George E. Makepeace	1	Chester
								Minnie Aubertine	1	Clergyman
								Adelbert T. Wells	1	Clergyman
								Ruth H. Makepeace	1	Clergyman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1947						
Feb. 20	Manchester	Laura Morse	65	Hornell, N. Y.	Charles P. Robinson	Flora Foster
May 5	E. Derry	Lottie May Lewis		E. Derry	Harold Lewis	Marjorie Spofford
June 1	Chester	Charlotte P. Rau	85	Alsace Lorraine	Jacob Knecht	Jacobina Kunz
June 9	Chester	Esther A. Johnson	58	Sweden	Not known	Not known
June 28	Chester	George H. Learnard	82	Derry	Arthur T. Learnard	Jennie Griffin
July 22	Chester	Clifford A. Smith	68	Whitefield	Lewis Smith	Elsie Elliott
Sept. 1	Chester	Alice Lillian Tenney	73	Chester	Olando M. Tenney	Emmogene Fitts
Sept. 9	Chester	Annie L. Eustis	82	Boston, Mass.	Edward S. Coombs	Anna L. Wilson
Sept. 18	E. Derry	Edward Hicks		E. Derry	Arthur Hicks	Adele Needham
Oct. 6	Melrose, Mass.	Jennie E. Shattuck	86	Prince Edward Island	Jacob Strang	Lydia Rex
Nov. 6	Chester	George W. Kimball	77	Farmington	Woodbury S. Kimball	Sara Spofford

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk.



